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WILTON

TOWN REPORTS

AND

BOARD OF

Water Commissioners

1905.



ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
SELECTMEN and other TOWN OFFICERS
BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
Report of Water Commissioners.

For the Fiscal Year Ending
February 15, 1905.

TOWN OF WILTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

WHEELER



NASHUA

TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wilton, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Wilton on Tuesday, the 14th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:-

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same, including support of schools, maintenance of poor, for repairs of roads and bridges, for Memorial Day, for lighting streets, and miscellaneous expenses.
3. To hear the report of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and all other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall on Memorial day and evening to Abiel A. Livermore Post, G. A. R.
5. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Town Hall to the W. C. T. U. for three public meetings during the year.

6. To see if the Town will vote to grant the free use of the Town Hall Friday afternoon preceding Memorial day for memorial exercises of the public schools and one evening to the high school graduating class.

7. To see if the Town will vote to widen and straighten the highway, known as the Forest road, at three points between Levi Putnam's mill and the dwelling house of W. N. Patterson and raise and appropriate money for the same.

8. To see if the Town will allow the Selectmen's room to be used as a public reading room when not in use by town officers.

9. To see what action the Town will take regarding a Police Court and make appropriation for the support of the same.

10. To see if the Town will grant permission to the Wilton Business Association to plant and cultivate trees, shrubs, vines, etc., on the plot to the North of the Town House and on the Engine House plot.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1440. (being \$30. each for forty eight hydrants) or any other sum, to be applied to the credit of the Water Works for hydrant service.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3000.00 or any other sum for the completion of the Water Works and things necessary and incident thereto; for the putting in of service pipes and for the maintenance and care of the system.

13. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Com-

missioners to furnish water to the town of Milford or corporations or individuals by an extension of the Water Works to Pine Valley and will authorize the commissioners to contract for a term of years or otherwise to furnish such supply: and to raise and appropriate \$2200. or any other sum of money for the purpose of such extension.

14. To see what compensation shall be paid to the Water Commissioners for their services for the ensuing year according to the provisions of the charter and to raise and appropriate money therefor.

15. To see if the Town will vote to put in an automatic fire alarm system and raise and appropriate money for the same.

16. To see if the Town will purchase a snow roller and raise and appropriate money for the same.

17. To see if the Town will establish a regular police officer and raise money for the same.

18. To see what action the Town will take regarding the brown tail moth question and make appropriation therefor.

19. To see if the Town will vote to place a watering trough at some point on Main st., between the stone arch bridge and the railroad station, supply the same from the town water and make appropriation for the payment for the same.

20. To see if the Town will vote to place a light, electric or otherwise, at each hydrant and make appropriation for the same.

21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.) for a proper observance of old home week on July 4th, or some later date, the appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen or any committee whom they may appoint.
22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure state aid for the permanent improvement of highways, under the law passed at the January session 1905.
23. To see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer substantially according to the plan of Mr. A. W. Dudley, C. E. on Main st., from Masonic Hall to the Whiting Brook, a distance of about seventeen hundred and fifty feet and raise and appropriate money therefor.
24. To see if the Town will vote to determine the share of the cost of such sewer to be borne by those persons whose drains enter it or whose lands receive special benefit from it and instruct the Selectmen to assess the cost so determined on the persons affected, according to the provisions of Chapter 79, Section 4 of the Public Statutes.
25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the bequest of One Hundred Dollars of Dorcas Peabody, to care for Lot No. 8, in the Third Range in the South Cemetery.
26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the bequest of One Hundred Dollars of Mary Ann Peabody, to care for Lot No. 8, in the Fourth Range in the South Cemetery.
27. To see if the Town will vote to build a sewer system substantially upon the plans as submitted by Mr. A.

W. Dudley C. E. and raise and appropriate money for the same.

28. To see what action the Town will take in regard to establishing and maintaining an electric light system and raise and appropriate money for the same.

29. To see what action the Town will take in relation to refunding the indebtedness incurred on account of the construction of the water works or take any action in relation thereto.

30. To see if the Town will vote to dispose of one or both of the fire engines or take any action in relation thereto.

31. To see if the Town will vote to lay a floor in the basement of the northwest end of the Town House and raise and appropriate money for the same.

32. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and five.

HARVEY W. FRYE,
CHARLES O. PROCTOR,
A. DWIGHT ABBOT, } Selectmen
of
Wilton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HARVEY W. FRYE,
CHARLES O. PROCTOR,
A. DWIGHT ABBOT. } Selectmen
of
Wilton.

INVENTORY.

Inventory of real and personal property
assessed on the first day of April 1904.

No. Polls, 431	\$43100 00
Horses, 364	20570 00
Cows, 759	22115 00
Neat, 137	2341 00
Oxen, 4	250 00
Sheep, 91	270 00
Hogs, 7	70 00
Fowls, 1370	544 00
Carriages, 38	2240 00
Stock in Banks,	10000 00
Money at Interest,	63928 00
Stock in Trade,	65475 00
Mills and Machinery,	41565 00
Lands and Buildings,	716535 00
Stock in Corporations,	500 00
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	\$989503 00

Tax Rate \$1.80 on \$100

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Appropriations

The following estimate has been made for appropriations necessary to meet current expenses for the ensuing year.

For Schools, not including literary fund,	\$6000 00
Highways and Bridges,	3200 00
State tax,	1308 00
County tax,	2373 12
Payments on notes and interest,	6000 00
Fire Department,	600 00
Street Lights,	550 00
Town Officers,	600 00
Public Library,	300 00
Support of Poor,	200 00
Printing and Stationery,	75 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	200 00
Care of Hearse and Cemeteries,	200 00
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	\$21656 12

TOWN EXPENDITURES

Town Officers.

Paid Harvey W. Frye, Selectman	\$140 00
Charles O. Proctor, "	100 00
Albert D. Abbot, "	100 00
Richard M. Moore, Treasurer,	75 00
Edwin A. French, Clerk,	50 00
Sillman McClintock, Collector,	100 00
Eugene A. Rideout, Ballot Clerk,	2 50
D. M. Brennan, "	2 50
Henry V. Tuttle, "	2 50
L. M. Langdell, "	2 50
John F. Herlihy, Supervisor, 1903-4,	16 00
H. V. Tuttle, Special Police,	9 00
Henry P. Herlihy " July 4,	4 00
Geo. S. Proctor, "	4 00
Frank Proctor, "	4 00
Thomas Cooley, Police	19 00
Geo. W. Hatch, M. D. Board of Health	
	1903-4 20 00
Frank Proctor "	" 20 00
	—————
	\$671 00

Town House

Paid John W. Raymond, janitor,	\$196 37
Geo. E. Bales, Insurance,	80 00
W. L. Nutting, tuning - repairing piano,	3 82
M. J. Herlihy, labor and material	11 71

D. E. Proctor,	8 39
J. L. Kerr,	74 79
A. O. Barker, labor,	6 00
S. N. Center & Son, supplies,	1 58
Emily H. Abbott, use of stove,	50
D. Whiting & Sons,	227 08
H. H. Barber & Co. repairs, steam pipe	11 95
Starr B. Center, labor on service pipe,	11 80
" rent of water,	3 50
H. L. Emerson, labor,	2 57
Dallas Sumner, labor and material,	90
Thomas Cooley, "	1 90
S. McClintock, "	85
E. A. French, supplies,	3 66
D. S. Draper, tuning piano,	2 50
J. W. Raymond, roll paper and freight,	8 00

Received for rent of Town House,	\$657 87

Balance against town,	\$546 20

	\$111 67

Highways and Bridges

Paid Henry Sheldrick,	\$311 10
John A. Sheldon,	2798 01

	\$3109 11

Support of Schools

Paid George E. Bales, Treasurer,	\$6443 80	\$6443 80
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Library

Paid George G. Blanchard, Treasurer,	\$300 00	\$300 00
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Memorial Day

Paid A. A. Livermore Post G. A. R.	\$50 00	\$50 00
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Lighting Streets

Paid Milford Electric Light Co.,	\$478 13
George Blanchard,	3 00
E. O. Barrett,	3 00
A. W. Nutting,	3 00
M. E. Kennedy,	3 00
Omer J. Burby,	5 75
E. A. French. supplies,	10 08
F. W. Clark,	9 07
D. E. Proctor,	3 67
	————— \$518 70

Fire Department

Paid W. E. Hickey, pay roll,	\$500 00
John Varley, steward,	25 00
N. J. Car, Spring and Rubber Co, hose	210 00
2 play pipes,	9 00
Geo. E. Bales, insurance,	7 50
D. M. Brennan, watching fire.	2 00
Kennedy Bros., wood,	3 00
M. J. Herlihy, labor,	1 08
	————— \$757 58

Watering Troughs

Paid D. W. Whiting & Sons, 5 troughs,	\$35 00
A. W. Nutting, labor and supplies,	50 00
J. L. Kerr, " "	21 73
Chas. C. Spalding, use of water trough	3 00
D. V. Pierce, use of water trough	2 25

Isabelle Batchelder use of water trough,	\$3 00
Mrs. Geo. W. Boynton "	3 00
A. O. Barker, "	2 25
C. B. Smith, supplies,	3 24
	—————
	\$123 47

Printing and Stationery

Paid Wheeler Printing Co, reports,	\$40 10
" " check lists,	8 50
Charles R. Grover,	8 65
Richard M. Moore, postage, stationery,	6 00
Harvey W. Frye, postage and express,	3 25
J. P. Melzer,	2 65
E. C. Eastman, Collector's book,	1 54
Osborne the Printer, town order books,	1 20
	—————
	\$71 89

Marriages, Births and Deaths

Paid E. A. French, recording,	\$14 10
E. A. French, returning,	4 00
G. W. Hatch ret. births and deaths,	10 00
C. E. Higgins " " "	4 00
E. H. Taft " " "	25
B. D. Pease, " " "	50
	—————
	\$32 85

Support of Poor

Paid E. A. French, supplies for C. H. Goss,	\$32 00
S. B. Center, lodging three persons,	3 75
	—————
	\$35 75

Cemeteries

Paid M. P. Stanton, housing hearse,	\$15 00
William A. Barnes, labor,	29 00
Stanley H. Abbott, plan of cemetery	15 00
Sillman McClintock, labor,	27 95
D. O'Neill, painting hearse,	14 00

	\$100 95

Quarantine

Paid Albert Brown, cash during quarantine,	\$24 .75
W. I. Durgin, supplies,	15 05
Elizabeth Rice, M. D., prof. services,	21 00
D. E. Proctor, supplies,	5 49
Levi Putnam, "	2 20

	\$68 49

Miscellaneous

Paid George E. Bales, counsel fees,	\$20 00
Albert D. Abbott, expense to Boston,	2 75
H. W. Frye, expense to Concord,	3 00
Cash paid for hedgehogs,	3 25
George E. Bales, rent of lobby,	15 00
D. E. Proctor, supplies,	8 40
M. P. Stanton, "	3 54
E. A. French, "	2 43
Thomas Cooley, "	1 25
Kennedy Bros. wood,	17 00
D. Whiting & Sons, wood,	3 25
J. L. Kerr, repairs,	1 37
M. J. Herlihy, labor,	3 48

	\$84 72

Summary

Paid Town Officers,	\$671 00
Wilton Public Library,	300 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Fire Department,	757 58
Support of Poor,	35 75
Printing and Stationery,	71 89
Miscellaneous,	84 72
Watering Troughs,	123 47
Quarantine,	68 49
Street Lighting,	518 70
Cemetery,	100 95
Marriages, Births and Deaths,	32 85
Schools,	6443 80
Highways and Bridges,	3109 11
Town Hall,	657 87
Water Works and Sewers,	\$13026 18 46046 65
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	59072 83

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY W. FRYE,
 CHARLES O. PROCTOR,
 A. DWIGHT ABBOTT, } Selectmen
} of
 Wilton.

We have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE G. BLANCHARD,
 JOSHUA F. FRYE, } Auditors.

The following Appropriation was voted March 1904.

For preliminary survey of water works, \$500 00
" sewers, \$200 00

And in June an appropriation of \$50000 00 was voted for water works. We have drawn orders on account of water works and sewers for \$46046 65, and for details of expenditures see report of the Water Commissioners and Committee on Sewers.

Road Agents Report.

Cash received each month

March	1904	\$116 30
April	"	57 55
May	"	276 17
June	"	418 94
July	"	261 17
August	"	525 53
September	"	297 10
October	"	345 85
November	"	232 73
December	"	71 00
January, 1905		195 67
		\$2798 01

Feb. 15, 1905, not paid,	\$315 75
Whole amount received of town,	\$2798 01
Due from J. A. Sheldon,	8 94
	\$2789 07

On hand 600 feet railing.

2000 feet bridge plank.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. SHELDON, Agt

Report of Tax Collector.

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To amount committed to collector,	\$17811 05
additional,	63 00
interest	21 60
	<hr/> \$17895 65

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By overtax and abatements,	\$65 96
uncollected taxes,	260 15
paid R. M. Moore,	17569 54
	<hr/> \$17895 65

Respectfully submitted,

S. McCLINTOCK,

Collector.

Town Treasurer Account.

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1904,	\$1528 46
Received of S. J. Sheldon on tempo ary notes	2000 00
Town clerk, acct. dog licenses	245 80
pool tables,	16 67
Selectmen acct. rent of Town Hall	546 20
R. Sunberg, pedlar's license	8 00
Solan A. Carter, state treas. acct. insurance tax	55 50
railroad tax	1999 62
savings bank tax	935 35
literary fund	198 00
Henry W. King, license com'r	1132 62
Water commissioners acct. service pipes	1315 80
pipe sold	331 01
water rents collected	66 20
wood sold	30 76
Selectmen, acct. old iron sold	1 80
George E. Bales, 1904 taxes	150 84
Miss Mary N. Abbot, Town History sold	3 00
From issue of water notes, series 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17,	42900 00
W. H. Barnes, acct. cemetery lots sold	15 00
State treas., acct. bounty on hawks	3 25
S. McClintock, tax collector	17569 54
C. H. Burns, 1/2 cost of sidewalk	31 00
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	\$71084 42

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS.

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Paid temporary note	\$360 00
interest	436 90
5-20 notes	800 00
interest	538 25
Water 4 per cent note	3000 00
interest	328 89
part interest, A. N. Burton, cemetery fund	4 50
County tax	2377 24
State tax	1308 00
Orders drawn by Selectmen	59072 83
Cash in treasury	2917 81

	\$71084 42

FINANCIAL STANDING

Temporary notes	\$11700 00
interest to Feb. 15, 1905	194 62
5-20 notes	15000 00
interest to Feb. 15, 1905	80 62
Water system notes 3 per cent	4900 00
Interest to Feb. 15, 1905	49 90
Water system notes 4 per cent	35000 00
interest to Feb. 15, 1905	175 00
Andrew N. Burton, cemetery fund	200 00
interest to Feb. 15, 1905	25 07
Certified debt	-----
To which should be added estimated amount of unpaid bills	\$67326 21
	400 00
Assumed liability	-----
	\$67725 21

ASSETS

Cash in treasury	\$2917 81
Available means	260 15
	————— \$3177 96
Net debt Feb. 15, 1905	\$64547 25
" Feb. 15, 1904	24733 98
Net increase of debt	————— \$39813 27
Net cost of water system	\$44302 88
Showing amount applied towards expense water system	\$4489 61

R. M. MOORE, Town Treasurer.

We the undersigned hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of Town Treasurer and find it correctly cast and vouched.

GEORGE G. BLANCHARD, }
JOSHUA F. FRYE, } Auditors.

Cemetery Committee Report.

The Committee on Cemeteries appointed in March 1901, hereby report that they attended to the duty assigned them as soon as the season permitted.

They found in the three cemeteries 606 memorial stones that were out of true, some of those set directly in the earth required simply straightening up; others set in granite sockets required resetting in cement, the brimstone and other material in which they were originally set having become disintegrated and reduced to powder, thereby allowing the marble part to lean forward or back, and in some cases to fall to the ground. The expense of putting these 606 stones in upright and proper shape was \$83.37. The front of the tombs in the South Cemetery was badly demoralized and was restored to good condition at a cost of \$14. From the money allowed us we paid in the year 1901 \$25. for cutting the grass, the sum usually paid for this service from the Town Treasury. The amount appropriated for the work assigned to us was \$100.

In every case where we could locate owners of the lots, or representatives or descendants of those commemorated by the stones restored to proper conditions, notice was sent of the amount expended and payment requested, responses came to the amount of \$43.38 making with the sum appropriated \$143.38, we expended \$122.37, leaving a balance for future use of \$21.01.

The Andrew N. Burton account shows an accumulation of interest of \$29.57 from which we have expended \$4.50 leaving a balance to credit of that account of \$225.07, this fund is in the hands of the Town Treasurer and earns 3 1-2% per annum.

The Solon Tarbell fund has earned \$9.82 from which we used \$5.00, leaving a balance of \$104.82, this fund is deposited in the Central Savings Bank of Lowell and earns 4% per annum. There has been deposited with this Committee since January 1st, for the care of their lots, by D. A. Gregg \$200. and by Jacob Kendall \$100., these amounts are deposited in the Mechanics Savings Bank of Lowell and earn four per cent per annum.

Your committee suggest that authority be given to remove the clump of trees in the south west part of the Village Cemetery, containing from 15 to 20 cords of wood and not especially ornamental, and the space they occupy will be wanted for burial purposes before many years; we also suggest that the matter of suitably fencing the cemeteries be taken into consideration, and that an appropriation be made for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Barnes,
J. F. Kimball,
Henry Herlihy, } Committee.

The Spalding Fund.

Your trustees report that the above fund is invested as follows :—

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R.	
1st Mortgage 4s,	\$5000 00
Interest at 4% due from Oct. 1, 1904,	
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R.	
Adjustment 4s,	2100 00
(Temporary investment.) Interest	
due at 4% from Jan. 1, 1905,	
Loan C. F. Melendy, real estate mortgage,	1500 00
Interest at 6% due from Feb. 1, 1905,	
Loan H. O. Stickney, real estate mortgage,	1400 00
Interest at 6% due from Oct. 21, 1904,	
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	\$10000 00

INCOME.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R.	\$284 00
C. F. Melendy	90 00
H. O. Stickney	84 00
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	\$458 00

PAYMENTS.

Geo. E. Bales, District Treasurer,	\$458 00
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Respectfully submitted,

D. E. PROCTOR,
GEO. G. BLANCHARD, } Trustees.
ISAAC S. WHITING, }

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

In submitting our report we feel that we have been very fortunate as a town in having so few fires and so small a property loss. Outside of some chimney fires the most serious has been that of A. C. Youngs dry goods store Mech. 11, when the loss on stock was about \$1500.00 while that on the building was adjusted for less than \$500 00. The next morning an alarm was sounded, the fire being in the railroad bridge undoubtedly of incendiary origin. The damage was slight, and also the dwelling house of John Boyle occupied by Messrs Hefferman and Foley Nov. 5. The loss on the house being \$1300.00 with \$900.00 insurance, while the occupants lost everything barely escaping in scant attire. On Nov. 19th a lamp fell in James L. Shea's store which but for prompt action might have been serious, the loss not exceeding \$100.00. In view of the installation of the gravity water system and the change which must necessarily come, we would recommend that the fire department be reorganized in such manner that there shall be proper hose companies beside a hook and ladder company, the purchase of new hose sufficient to answer the requirements of the Insurance Underwriters Association, and the location of some fire hose stations at easily accessible points. Five hundred feet of new hose was bought during the year, Mr. M. P. Stanton having been sick during the last few months the Board has been without his counsel. We trust he may soon be able to take his place in the active work of town and business life.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. PROCTOR } Fire Wards of
ARTEMAS O. BARKER } Wilton, N. H.

Report of Library Trustees.

CHARLES H. Burns, President

GEO. G. BLANCHARD, Treas. and Sec.

GEO. WHITING.

D. E. PROCTOR.

GEO. E. BALES.

Trustees.

MARY N. ABBOT, Librarian.

Fifteenth annual report of the librarian of the Wilton Public Library for the year ending Feb. 15, 1905.

To the trustees, Gentlemen :
I submit the following report :

ACCESSIONS

No. of volumes in the library Feb. 15, 1904	6205
Accessions by purchase	218
" gift	27
" bound periodicals	42
Whole number of volumes Feb. 15, 1905,	—
	6492

CIRCULATION

Number of days open	98	
" volumes taken	8758	
" periodicals taken	1576	
		—
		10334
Average circulation	105 plus	
Number of cards issued to new patrons	127	
" previously issued	1815	
Total		—
		1942
Number of books covered	665	

BOOKS DONATED

J. H. Gallinger	1	
Mrs. Melvina Richardson	1	
J. H. Bridge,	1	
State Library	3	
Walter Furman	3	
U. S. Government	11	
State of New Hampshire	3	
Harriette E. Noyes	2	
George Roberts	1	
Gilman Mansur	1	
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PERIODICALS DONATED

Wilton Journal, Nashua Telegraph, The Protectionist, Our Four-Footed Friends, Vick's Floral Magazine by the publishers, Christian Register by the Womans Alliance, Christian Science Magazine by Mrs. Charles Edwards and Mrs. George Stearns, The Christian Science Sentinel by Mrs. George Stearns Dumb Animals by Mrs. Mary Langdell, The Temperance Banner and Water Lily by the W. C. T. U.

Mary N. Abbot, Librarian.

Treasurer's Report.

Geo. G. Blanchard, treas., in account with Wilton Public Library.

DR.

Balance on hand from last year	\$51 05
Town appropriation	300 00
Concord & Montreal R. R. div. on 4 shrs.	28 00
Ladies Reading Club	20 00
Fines	24 37
Catalog sales	75
Non resident fees	25
Books bought for patrons	17 77

	\$442 19

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Miss M. N. Abbot, salary	\$150 00
Geo. E. Bales, insurance	99 99
L. H. Baldwin	56 70
Philadelphia Bookstore Co.	41 05
C. E. Lauriat Co. books	19 30
D. Whiting & Sons	16 77
F. J. Barnard	15 80
Miss M. N. Abbot, supplies	2 55
" labor	1 65
Mrs. Kidder, labor	1 50

D. E. Proctor	1 48
H. P. Ring,	50
	<hr/> \$407 29

Balance on hand	\$34 90
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Geo. G. Blanchard Treas. in acct. with Geo. A. Newell Fund.

DR.

Concord & Montreal R. R. Div. on 18 shrs.	\$126 00
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Philadelphia Bookstore Co., books	\$126 00
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GEO. G. BLANCHARD, Treasurer.

Approved	D. E. PROCTOR, GEO. E. BALES, Finance Committee.
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SEXTON'S REPORT.

Date.	Name of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Death.	Place of Burial.
		Years	Months	Days		
Feb. 1	Annie J. McGettigen	7			Wilton	Wilton
28	Emma Sylvester	33	4		"	"
Mar. 5	Rudolph Sylvester	2			"	"
Apr. 22	John Landers	48			Milford	
28	Mary Wheeler	68	9	21	Wilton	Lyndeboro
May 14	Catherine Dillon	59			"	Lowell
20	William Kimball	87	9	15	"	Woburn
18	Bridget Mahoney	74			Boston	Wilton
25	Charles G. Blanchard	65	11	25	Lowell	"
June 9	Fannie B. Frye	20	2	23	Wilton	"
Sept. 1	Clarence Moquin	2	8	15	"	"
Oct. 7	Robert R. Loyd	80	9	8	"	"
22	Carrie L. Temple	43				Framingham, M
27	Patrick O Leary	25				Salem, Mass
Nov. 4	Infant Carter			4	Milford	Wilton
20	Alseaia McCabe	73	3	5	Grasmere	"
Dec. 5	Susan J. Morse	63	3	17	Wilton	Plymouth
10	Margaret Landers	83	7	4	Grasmere	Wilton
22	Mabel E. Frye	17	11	21	Wilton	"
28	Henry P. Proctor	23	6		"	"

S. MCCLINTOCK, Sexton.

SEXTON'S REPORT.

Date.	Name of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Death.	Place of Burial
		Years.	Mos.	Days.		
Jan. 3	Abby F. White	69	4	6	Wilton	Wilton
	4 Sumner Blanchard	69	11	"	"	"
18	Hattie M. Savage	45		"	"	"
24	W. W. Curtis	74	6		Cambridge M	"
28	Ethel Whitney		9		Medford M	"
Feb. 28	Joseph W. Goss	92	8	26	Wilton	Nashua
Mar. 4	Infant twins Wright				"	Wilton
	8 Margaret Liberty	70		"	"	"
21	George McAlester	82			Lyndeboro	"
23	Margaret Whoulahan	70			Wilton	"
24	Samuel Eveleth	18	7	7	Albany N Y	"
Apr. 12	Infant Purdy				Wilton	"
26	Abner Lewis	87			Grassmere	"
27	Mary A. Woodman	86	10		Wilton	"
May 1	Charles Sawtelle	74	5		"	"
	7 Emeline Sawtelle	68	11	14	"	"
July 12	Ann E. Wheeler	57	7		Nashua	"
Aug. 30	Mary A. Peabody	85			Milford	"
Oct. 21	Ann E. Burtt	77	4	8	Amherst	"
	24 Fred S. Pierce	40	19		Fitchburg	"
Nov. 28	David Wright				Wilton	"
Dec. 5	Rufus Stowe	79			Worcester M	"
	22 Beulah Monroe	3			Wilton	"
27	Lillian Trevitt	21	7	5	"	Mont Vernon
31	Mary A. Putmna	81	6	7	"	Danvers Mass

W. H. BARNEs Sexton.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of WILTON, for the year ending Dec 31, 1904.

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence each at time of marriage.	Age at time of marriage.	Color of hair.	Year married.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Birthplace of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Time married.	Condition of marriage.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Apr 20	Wilton	James W. Kennedy Johanna Cullinan	Wilton	31	W Teamster	Wilton	Michael Johanna Ireland	Wilton	Joseph Johanna Henry	Wilton	Operative	1	W J O'Connor	F. A. Robinson
May 25	Lyndeboro	Harry E. Draper	Milford	35	Ho'sekeeper	Milford	Joseph Sarah	Wilton	William Virginia	Canada	Farmer	2	F. A. Millard	W J O'Connor
Rachel Ann Sharp			Wilton	23	Brakeman	Wilton	William	Canada	Julia	"		1	W J O'Connor	Wilton
Alfred Potvin			Lyndeboro	30	Ho'sekeeper	Lyndeboro	Nelieon	Virginia	Julia	"		1	W J O'Connor	Wilton
Philomene Beaudry			Nashua	26	Mill Oper	Canada	Israel Alphonse	"	Odie	Ireland	Flagman	1	W J O'Connor	Wilton
Peter E. Gray			Wilton	25	"	"	Gideon	At home	John	Wilton	Laborer	1	W J O'Connor	Wilton
Odonna Desilets			"	20	"	"	Dennis	Wilton	Zenaida	Canada	"	2	J Edward Herman	Wilton
Patrick F. Sullivan			"	22	Blacksmith	Holyoke	Mornell	Wilton	Susan	Maine		1	William Furman	Wilton
Mary Rose Laliberte			"	22	Ho'sekeeper	Wilton	Blacksmith	"	Nashua	Summer		1	Geo E Bates Justice	Wilton
Charles B. Smith			"	46	Ho'sekeeper	Wilton	Ho'sekeeper	Wilton	Harvey	England	Dyer	2	D Donovan	Wilton
Alphine Morse			"	47	Milk man	Wilton	Milk man	Wilton	Francis	England	Farmer	1	Lyndeboro	Wilton
David Whiting			"	34	"	"	James	At home	James	Merrimack	"	1	Edward Abbott	Wilton
Helen Maude Torritt			"	25	Farmer	England	Frank	Harrison H. Fields	Aline Lyndeboro	Vermont		1	Cambridge M	Wilton
Harrison H. Fields			"	27	"	"	Samuel	Lyndeboro	Bethia	England		1	Frank E Reid	Wilton
Annie M. Stearns			"	18	No sekeeper	Hopkinton	Brian	Lyndeboro	Evelyn	England		1	Temple	Wilton
Frank N. Ryder			"	41	Carpenter	overaley	Benard	Wilton	Prof. Phys	Wilton	Cle'fryman	2	Ray S Hubbard	Wilton
Ellen E. Hayes			"	45	Ho'sekeeper	Trowbridge	Eugene	Wilton	Music	Wilton	Professor	1	Ray S Hubbard	Wilton
Justin Jenks Bray			"	27	Wilton	Ormsouth	Josephine	Wilton	Clerk	Marlboro	Farmer	1	Ray S Hubbard	Wilton
Emile Jenks Bray			"	27	Tufts College	Wilton	Fannie	Wilton	Frank	Wilton	Farmer	1	Ray S Hubbard	Wilton
Herbert H. Austin			"	28	Wilton	Wilton	Charles	Wilton	Harvey	Wilton	Teamster	2	Ray S Hubbard	Wilton
Ida M. Gray			"	25	Ho'sekeeper	Wilton	Frank	Wilton	Charles	Wilton	Teamster	1	Ray S Hubbard	Wilton
Henry A. Proctor			"	40	Carpenter	Wilton	Wilton	Wilton	Lucy	Wilton	Teamster	2	Ray S Hubbard	Wilton
Jennie R. Dean			"	44	Ho'sekeeper	Wilton	Wilton	Wilton	Stoddard	Halifax	Teamster	1	Ray S Hubbard	Wilton
Clarence E. Weston			"	44	Teamster	Wilton	Ed	Wilton	Eleanor	New Bedford	Teamster	1	Ray S Hubbard	Wilton
Jessie Mae Pierson			"	16	Domestic	New Boston	Mary	New Boston	Ida	Goffstown	"	1	Ray S Hubbard	Wilton

BIRTHS REGISTERED in the TOWN of WILTON, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

Date.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex & condition	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan 15'04	Helen M Burton	F L 1 w	Elmer W Kton	Coia Lane	Farmer	Lyndebo-o	Lake Vt	36	18
Feb 24	Bosanna Blair	F L 6	Arthur F Carpenter	Eva L Edger	"	Surrey	Chester Vt	35	30
Mar 26	Joseph D O Jarrest	M 9	Philip Blair	May N Draper	Laborer	Canada	Canada	43	42
Mar 4	Infant Wright	M 15	Antoine Jarrest	Soline Liebert	"	"	"	46	45
Mar 7	"	F 8	Geo M Wright	Elizabeth Pudly	"	N Scotia	Nova Scotia	38	36
Mar 12	Duncan M Staniford	M L 1	Edward J Diaper	Wilhelmina Holden	"	Boston	Reading M	38	10
Mar 23	Alice E Draper	M F 9	John D Clune	Katherine S m th	"	Greenfield	New Brunswick	49	40
Mar 28	Ray D Clune	M F 1	Royden K Gates	Grace Scarles	"	N Scotia	Milford	31	24
Apr 9	Eva M Gates	F 2	Edmund M Judy	Sadie R White	Fisherwoman	Quinsigamond	So Boston	25	21
Apr 12	Infant Purdy	F 1	John Hendrickson	Iena F Andrews	Farmer	Nova Scotia	Clarendon	38	23
Apr 18	Olga E Hendrickson	M 1	Albert B Stevens	Albertine Askry	Cabinet m	Sweden	Sweden	39	21
Apr 20	Valit V Stevens	M 9	Parker A Very	Mary C Farvey	"	Lyndeboro	Francktown	33	29
Apr 28	Irving M Avery	M 1	Philip W Farrell	Florence M Russell	"	Wilton	Somerville	28	20
Apr 28	Edith B Farrell	M 7	Joseph Soucie	Grace S Spalding	Farmer	St Albans	Wilton	35	26
May 30	Soucie	M 1	Robert Schellinger	Mantha Chandler	Laborer	Canada	Keene	21	20
May 15	Gertude Schellinger	M 4	Herbert J Wilkins	Gertude Chandler	Farmer	Stockholm	Wilton	33	28
May 16	Infant Wilkins	M 1	Charles F Mayhew	Martha Davey	Farmer	Groveton	PE Island	12	25
May 22	Charles H Mayhew	M 1	Charles E Putnam	Bertha Hatherly	Cabinet m	Canada	Nova Scotia	63	21
May 26	Donald E Putnam	M 1	Charles E Blood	Minda A Buswell	Clerk	Lyndeboro	Candia	28	22
June 18	Joseph A Martin	M 8	Joseph Martin	Ida A Millay	Cabinet m	Amherst	Amherst	25	25
July 19	John A Herity	M 3	Henry P Herity	Annie Belnard	Laborer	Canada	Canada	41	37
July 19	A.J Hutchinson	M 2	Geo W Hutchinson	Maude Kendall	Market man	Ireland	Ireland	32	26
Aug 4	Adrys J Hutchinson	F 2	Everett Hutchinson	Mary Berdy	Laborer	Canada	Canada	33	27
Aug 4	Douglas H Schultz	M 1	Hugo O Schultz	Anna R Paro	Carpenter	Wilton	Wilton	23	29
Aug 6	Teresa C Burke	M 5	Patrick A Burke	Minnie A Young	Operative	"	"	34	24
Aug 28	Infant Field	M S 1	Harrison H Fields	Annie S O'Donnell	Barber	Pascagow	Pittsfield	32	25
Aug 29	Elizabeth F Proctor	F L 1	George S Proctor	Nettie M Robbie	Farmer	Stillwater	Charlestown	41	32
Sept 5	Infant Stanton	M S 1	Jno J Stanton	Wm Stearns	Laborer	Merrimack	Hopkinton	27	18
Sept 10	Bertha Batchelder	M 8	Geo M Batchelder	Ura V Ward	Carpenter	Bedford	Bedford	25	20
Sept 14	Roy A Brown	M 6	Albert H Brown	Abbie A Kimball	Farmer	Worcester	Wilton	21	23
Sept 20	Bernard Gibbons	M 7	John J Gibbons	Annie Morehouse	Laborer	Hillsboro	Wilton	44	43
Oct 4	Mary O Beaury	F 2	Fred Braudry	Maggie McGuire	Farmer	Elmira	New Brunswick	30	36
Oct 27	Perle E Clement	M 1	Walter I Clinton	Mary J Yaro	Farmer	Canada	Wilton	32	36
Nov 1	Infant Mahoney	M 3	Janiel Maloney	Iena G Ordway	Operative	No Chelmsford	Wilton	23	22
Nov 8	David T Wright	M 7	Ella McLaughlin	Ella McLaughlin	Mechanic	Lyndeboro	Lyndeboro	24	24
Dec 26	Douglas Dicey	M 8	Genevieve Lunkie	Genie Lunkie	Operative	PE Island	PE Island	38	32
Dec 26	Eva R Library	M 1	Walt L Folson	William Dicey	Laborer	Alexandria	Greenfield	42	39
Dec 26	Eva R Library	M 1	Walt L Folson	Rosie Gogole	Farmer	Harrisville	Wilton	26	23

DEATHS REGISTERED in the TOWN of WILTON for the year ending Dec 31, 1904.

Date	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age in Years, Months, Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition.		Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Cause of Death.
				Male.	Female.				
Jan 3	Abby F White	69 4	Wilton	M	F	M	Housekeeper	Chas Spalding	Bright's Disease
" 4	Simmon Blanchard	69 11	Lempster	"	"	"	Merchant	Sam Blanchard	Ptyalenia
" 18	Hattie M Savage	45	Millford	"	"	"	Housekeeper	Luther Peabody	Heart disease
Feb 28	Emma Sylvester	33	Naugatuck C	"	"	S	"	Robt McGettigan	Consumption
" 28	Joseph W Gross	92	Lancaster M	"	"	M	Laborer	Joseph Gregoire	"
Mar 4	Infant Wright	"	Wilton	"	"	W	"	John Goss	Heart disease
" 5	Rudolph Sylvester	2	"	"	"	W	"	Geo W Wright	Premature birth
" 8	Margaret Liberty	70	Cana'an	"	"	"	"	"	"
" 23	" Whoulsban	70	Ireland	"	"	S	"	Eugene Sullivan	Membraneous croup
Apr 12	Infant Purdy	"	Wilton	"	"	W	"	Edmund M Purdy	Grip
" 27	Mary A Woodman	86	Wilton	"	"	"	"	Luther Blanchard	Stillborn
" 28	Mary F Wheeler	68	9 21 So Carolina	"	"	M	"	Mary	Apoplexy
May 1	Charles A Sawelle	74	5 29 Mason	"	"	"	"	Martha P Dendy	Heart disease
" 7	Emeline C Sawelle	68 11	Ireland	"	"	"	"	Martha Jeffter	Pneumonia
" 14	Catherine Dillon	39	Wilton	"	"	"	"	John Rawell	Nephritis
" 16	Infant Wilkins	"	"	"	"	"	"	Jessie D Carkin	Pneumonia
" 20	William Kimball	87	9 15 Wells Me	"	"	S	"	William Barry	Premature birth
June 9	Fannie B Frye	20	2 23 Wilton	"	"	W	"	Matilda Davey	General debility
Aug 28	Infant Fields	"	"	"	"	"	"	Willm'n Kimball	Stillborn
Sep 1	Clarence Moquin	2	8 15	"	"	"	"	Sarah Stearns	Burns
" 5	Infant Stanton	"	"	"	"	"	"	John A Sheldon	Stillborn
Oet 7	Robert R Loyd	80	9 8 Cooperslawn	"	"	"	"	Edward Moquin	Cholera infantum
" 22	Carrie L Temple	43	Framingham	"	"	"	"	Jno J Stanton	Stillborn
" 27	Patrick J O'Leary	25	Ireland	"	"	"	"	Una V Ward	Catarrh of Bladder
Nov 27	David' r Wright	18	Wilton	"	"	"	"	John Boynton	Cerebral meningitis
Dec 5	Susan J Morse	63	3 17 Bridgewater	"	"	"	"	Albert Sawyer	Pneumonic haemorrhage
" 22	Mabel E Frye	17	11 21 Wilton	"	"	"	"	John O'Leary	Spinal meningitis
" 22	Bethia A Monroe	3	Castleton Vt	"	"	"	"	Abraham Wright	rhoebatechid'r ang: a pectoris
" 27	Lillian W Trevitt	21	7 Wilton	"	"	"	"	John Boynton	Enlargement of heart
" 28	Henry P Proctor	23	"	"	"	"	"	Elson D Frye	Rose Monroe
" 31	Mary A Putnam	6	6 Wilton	"	"	"	"	Etta L Parker	Henry Trevitt
		7	"	"	"	"	"	Anna B Putnam	Eleonore Benedict
		7	"	"	"	"	"		Henry O Proctor
		7	"	"	"	"	"		Pulmonary hemorrhage
		7	"	"	"	"	"		Bronchitis

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN A. FRENCH TOWN CLERK,

Report of the School Board.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1905.

In accordance with established custom and in compliance with the provisions of law, we herewith submit our annual report of the condition of our public schools, together with such suggestions as occur to us may be worthy of the consideration of our citizens.

The annual meeting of the district was held March 12, 1904 and Mr. Warren P. Putnam was elected a member of the Board of Education for the term of three years. Organization of the Board was speedily effected, George E. Bales being elected chairman and treasurer and Miss Maria L. Moore, secretary. The most cordial relations have existed between the members of the school board, who at all times have been actuated by the single purpose to so discharge their duties as to secure the highest degree of efficiency in the work of our schools.

TEACHERS

It is not our purpose to comment upon our teachers individually. Such a custom, once followed, we believe to be neither wise nor helpful. That the work of teachers is attended with different degrees of success is an accepted fact. It is not always a question of effort. A teacher may labor with the greatest fidelity and because of conditions over which she has no control, she meets with indifferent success. Parents are sometimes too exacting in

their requirements of a teacher. Discipline is absolutely essential to the success of any school. That proposition meets with general approval. It is when the teacher attempts to carry into effect what everyone acknowledges is necessary, that opposition is encountered. We bespeak for the teachers your sympathy and co-operation. They have the best interests of your children at heart and as they daily perform the exacting duties of their calling, give them an encouraging helpful word, and above all avoid criticism until assured of its necessity and wisdom. It is especially gratifying to the Board to be able to say that all our teachers are doing excellent work. In the village schools perfect harmony prevails and the teachers in the outside schools have also been faithful to their important trust.

There have been no serious breaches of discipline during the year, on the whole we can commend the young people in our schools for a display of a spirit which is entirely to their credit.

HIGH SCHOOL

Our high school has been in competent hands during the past year. Prof. H. H. Pratt and his efficient corps of assistants have done excellent work*. We regret that the attendance has not been larger, but until parents are impressed with the advantages to be derived from their children pursuing such a course, the situation will not be remedied. Our high school is doing as satisfactory work as is being done by other schools of similar grade.

MUSIC

The board was fortunate in being able to secure a continuance of the services of Miss Jessie M. Hagar in the music department. Her work has been of the highest order and the degree of excellency attained by the pupils has been remarkable. Instruction in music has been given by Miss Hagar in all the schools and without exception the progress has been most satisfactory.

FINANCES

We are especially pleased at the financial report which we are able to submit for your consideration. A special effort was made to pay all outstanding claims and so far as known all demands against the district February 15, 1905, have been adjusted and there remains in the treasury unexpended \$122.22. This result has been accomplished by practicing the strictest economy in the various departments. As a natural consequence text books are needed and some necessary apparatus to aid the teachers in their work can be used to advantage.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The high school building is in the best of condition, due in no small degree to the efficiency of the Janitor. During the past year a change has been made in the heating apparatus, introducing direct steam to a portion of the

building, which has been most satisfactory. There has been no interruption to the sessions of the schools because of insufficient heat, as has occurred in the previous winters and there has been no noticeable increase in the quantity of fuel consumed.

Several of the school buildings outside of the village are in need of repairs. The ceiling in the Davisville School must be replaced, the building at the Intervale needs reshingling and some minor repairs are needed at the West school. We believe in keeping our school houses as attractive as possible, for it is not without influence upon the minds of the young.

SUPERVISORY DISTRICT

The question of uniting with other districts for the purpose of forming a supervisory district is again presented for your consideration at the annual district meeting. We have given the subject careful thought and the board is unanimously of the opinion that favorable action should be taken. To those unfamiliar with the law we would say that whenever such district is formed and a superintendent is employed, one half of the salary is paid by the state. This expenditure of the state's money is justified upon the ground that the efficiency of the schools will thereby be advanced, resulting in a higher degree of citizenship. This is the conclusion of the most advanced thought in educational development.

For various reasons we have not heretofore been fully persuaded that Wilton could advantageously enter into such an arrangement, but now we have no doubt as to its expediency and advantage. It is our opinion that with

the same appropriation for schools as was voted last year, we can unite with other districts, which have expressed a willingness to join us and meet our proportion of the expense thereby incurred without an additional appropriation. We should recommend that such an arrangement be made for only one year and then our citizens can judge of its success and pass upon the wisdom of its continuance. The State Superintendant of public instruction and all prominent educators are heartily in favor of such a union of school districts. Certainly our boys and girls are entitled to the best educational advantages in your power to grant. We commend this matter to your favorable consideration.

GENERAL REMARKS

We regret the necessity of announcing the resignation from the board, of Miss Moore, who has served the district so faithfully during the past seven years. By her kindly counsel, she has been of great assistance to teachers. In her devotion to the duties of her office, she has taxed her strength to the limit, and she leaves her work having at heart the interests of all the teachers and every pupil in our public schools.

The board has labored for the highest good of our schools. In the selection of teachers we have exercised our best judgement. It is, of course, absurd to suggest that a board would retain a teacher whose work was unsatisfactory and thereby invite constant criticism with all its attendant annoyance. If, however, we were convinced that criticism was unfair and unjust, we believe a board is justified in sustaining a teacher in every reasonable way. To

do otherwise would be false to our sense of right and duty and a gross wrong to the teacher.

Before concluding this report the Chairman may be pardoned for a personal word. In 1885 the "new school law," as it was then termed, went into effect. Under its provisions, the single school district was established. In the twenty years which have intervened, I have served ten years. While I would not presume to anticipate the action of the coming district meeting, I trust it may not be deemed any impropriety on my part to suggest that under no consideration would I feel that I could with justice to my business interests, continue my service on the Board. I feel deeply grateful to an indulgent public for its repeated manifestations of confidence. My interest in the work of our schools is sincere and devoted and my influence and effort will always be exercised for their highest development.

The Board appreciate the support which has been so generally extended during the past year. The town by a generous appropriation has exhibited an interest in this most important department of its affairs, which is most creditable.

We trust that the same generous spirit may attend the deliberations of the coming town meeting. Money invested in making intelligent citizens pays the very highest dividends.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. BALES Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	Whole Number	Boys	Girls	Av Att	Terms	Weeks	Visitors
* High	40	13	27	24	3	36	38
* 1st Grammar	39	17	22	27	3	35	93
* 2nd Grammar	46	26	20	36	3	33	86
* Intermediate	47	27	20	38	3	33	65
* 2nd and 3rd Primary	46	23	23	36	3	33	74
* 1st Primary	62	36	26	48	3	33	159
Abbot Hill	12	5	7	8	3	30	47
Centre	16	9	7	12	3	30	81
Davisville	22	10	12	13	3	30	30
Kimball	10	5	5	8	3	30	29
West	18	10	8	12	3	30	53
Intervale	27	12	15	18	3	30	132
	385	193	192	280	36	383	887

* Schools still in session. Attendance computed to Feb. 15.

Scholars promoted from one school to another are reckoned once.

List of Teachers.

High	Henry H. Pratt, prin. year, Jessie M. Hagar, asst. year. Elizabeth L. Neal, asst. spring. Alice V. Staples, fall and winter
1st Grammar	Alice V. Staples, spring. Ethel B. Thurston, fall. Effie M. Horne, winter.
2nd Grammar	Alice G. Herlihy, year. Emma F. Gordon, spring.
Intermediate	Pearl M. Pillsbury, fall and winter.
2d - 3d Prim.	Bertha L. Blood, year.
1st Primary	Lucy S. Blanchard, year. Bessie C. Bales, year.
Centre	Bessie M. Tallent, year.
Kimball	Beula C. Edwards, spring. Cynthia M. Prentice, fall and winter.
Intervale	A. May Trescott, spring Lillian Brown, spring.
Davisville	Beula C. Edwards, fall and winter. Ina M. McCann, year.
Abbot Hill	Ethel L. Flye, spring. Elsie C. Phillips, fall and winter.
West	Pearl M. Pillsbury, spring. Margaret L. Parker, fall and winter.
Music	Jessie M. Hagar.

List of Graduates.

HIGH 1904

Olive Boynton Livermore, Salutatory.

Kathryn Frances Whalen, Prophecies.

Mary Effie Hartshorn, Class History.

Gertrude Louise Marten, Valedictory.
Minot Giles Buss.

GRAMMAR 1904

Dora Richardson, Salutatory	Annie Whalen, Class Prophecy
Catherine Cooley	Margaret Barry, Class Ode
Ida Weston	Edward Killkelly
Annie Balmforth	Ernest Blood
Mabel Frye	Harold Butler
Rena Coffin	Edmund Stanton, Valedictory

Roll of Honor.

HIGH

ONE TERM William F. Duval, Effie M. Hartshorn, Roma B. Hutchinson, Gertrude L. Martin, Dora B. Richardson, Margaret E. Sheldrick, Edmund A. Stanton, Annie L. Tolford.

FIRST GRAMMAR

TWO TERMS Sally Curtis.

ONE TERM Annie Balmforth, Edward Kilkelly, Silvis Pelletier, Harold Smith, Hattie E. Stevens, Alice Weston, Helena Whalen.

SECOND GRAMMAR

THREE TERMS Lois E. Frye.

TWO TERMS Lawrence Duval, Starr B. Soderman.

THREE TERMS Milly F. Bales, Omer J. Berube, Myra Berube, Mary F. Brennan, Beatrice Cooley, Louise M. Dunn, Carl F. Lawrence, Velma I. Nickerson, Silvis Pelletier Helena Whalen.

INTERMEDIATE

TWO TERMS Paul Dougherty, Homer Osborne Henry Sheldrick

THREE TERMS Mary Brennan, Nellie Doherty, Lousie M. Dunn, John Pelletier, Robert Proctor, Beryl Robbins, Omer Shea, Bernard Smith, Starr G. Soderman, Mary Thompson, Annie Thompson.

SECOND AND THIRD PRIMARY

TWO TERMS Arthur Doherty, Eva Forrest, Marion L. Howe, Joseph Hurley, Eileen Shea, Eva Stevens, Julia Whalen, Marie A. Young.

ONE TERM Adelina Berube, Charles B. Durgin, Mabel Duval, Rudolph Duval, John Fitzgerald, Lester E. Frye, John K. Herlihy, Annie Moquin, Jennie Philips, Launcelot Robbins, Alice Roleau, Lulu Smith, James Wing, Pearl Wing.

FIRST PRIMARY

THREE TERMS Edna Howe.

TWO TERMS Kenneth Baldwin, Frances Herlihy, Marcellus Stevens, Cora Stevens.

THREE TERMS Anna Clement, Charlie Clement, George C. Defoe, Albert Dechamps, Ruth Doherty, Eddie Fitzgerald, Mamie Herrickson, Kendall Herlihy, Roger Hopkins, Ruth Hutchinson, Remi Jarest, Alice Proctor, Lulu Smith, Lenwood Stevens.

CENTRE

TWO TERMS Clarence Chute, Charles E. Chute.

ONE TERM F. Elizabeth Bateman, Leslie C. R. Holbrooke, Manning Purdy.

KIMBALL

THREE TERMS Ruth Batchelder.

TWO TERMS Marion Batchelder.

ONE TERM Leslie Batchelder, Emelda Dionne.

ABBOT HILL

TWO TERMS Grace Chandler, Lora Chandler, Lynn Potter,
Doris Potter.

ONE TERM Cora Abbot.

WEST

ONE TERM Rachel Ring, Joseph Ring.

DAVISVILLE

TWO TERMS Helen Carpenter, Laura Carpenter.

ONE TERM Lucy Burton, Isabel Carpenter, Benjamin Cram,
Harold Draper, Ruth Frazer.

INTERVALE

TWO TERMS Edgar P. Frye, Alice E. Frye, Charles A. Reed.

ONE TERM Iola Tuttle, Philip Tuttle, Charles F. Evans,
Donald E. Stebbens.

Report of School Treasurer.

For the year ending February 15, 1905

DR.

Received from R. M. Moore, town treas.

Appropriation	\$6000 00
Spalding Fund	458 00
Literary Fund	198 00
Dog Tax	245 80
Tuition	65 75
For books sold	5 09
" damaged	15

From Harvey W. Frye, Warren P. Putnam
and Geo. E. Bales, contributions for
rent of Town Hall

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INSTRUCTION

Henry H. Pratt	\$779 12
Jessie M. Hagar	411 07
Alice V. Staples	350 00
Bertha L. Blood	297 00
Lucy S. Blanchard	306 00
Alice F. Herlihy	306 00
Pearl M. Pillsbury	250 00
Bessie B. Tallant	225 00
Ina M. McCann	217 00

Beula C. Edwards	\$210 00
Bessie F. Bales	153 00
Elizabeth L. Neal	150 00
Ethel B. Thurston	140 00
Elsie C. Phillips	140 00
Margaret L. Parker	140 00
Cynthia M. Prentice	140 00
Emma F. Gordon	90 00
Ethel L. Flye	70 00
Effie M. Horne	70 00
Lillian Browne	42 00
Jennie F. Barnes	36 00
Annie M. Trescot	28 00
Nellie A. Strum	20 00

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FUEL

D. Whiting & Sons	\$240 63
E. M. Purdy	31 00
D. M. Potter	18 00
M. E. Smiley	12 00
Kennedy Brothers	10 00
W. N. Patterson	8 37
George S. Buss	7 50
C. O. Whitney	7 00
Stanley H. Abbott	4 50
W. H. Bent	2 50
W. Lyle Woodward	50

	\$342 00

JANITORS

Warren P. Putnam	\$480 00
Schools outside of the village	47 65

	\$527 65

SALARIES OF SCHOOL BOARD

George E. Bales, 1904-5	\$75 00
Maria L. Moore, 1904-5	50 00
Warren P. Putnam, 1904-5	25 00

	\$150 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

J. L. Hammett & Co.,	\$69 33
American Book Co.,	63 65
Ginn & Co.,	45 06
E D. . Proctor	35 34
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	21 42
D. C. Heath & Co.,	19 47
essie M. Hagar	6 63
H. H. Pratt	6 29
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover	3 86
Standard Oil Co.	3 50
Milton, Bradley & Co.	2 25
Rumford Supply Co.	2 10
Arthur W. Hall Scientific Co.	2 07
Houghton Mifflin Co	2 04
Silver, Burdett & Co.	1 90
Sibley & Co.	1 87
V. H. Hall & Co.	1 80
Richardson Smith Co.	1 80
Thorp & Martin Co.	1 80
Edward E. Babb & Co.	1 67
R. E. Lane	1 25
Alice V. Staples	1 20
W. I. Durgin	1 20

Fred W. Clark	\$1 12
E. A. French	60
S. N. Center & Son	48
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	\$299 73

REPAIRS

N. H. Tenney	\$140 04
Warren P. Putnam	32 23
John Gage	12 50
H. H. Barber	12 36
H. V. Tuttle	10 10
Thomas Cooley	4 85
Dallas Sumner	2 60
Henry A. Holt	1 50
	—
	\$215 58

MISCELLANEOUS

Jennie F. Barnes, making check list,	\$50
Nicholas Coughlin transportation	140 00
James Ducey "	8 00
Chales H. White, conveying music teacher	75 00
A. E. Gay, fixing lawn mower	1 50
C. O. Whitney cleaning well	3 50
Mrs Minnie E. Austin, cleaning school house	5 00
Howard Furniture Co., table	3 50
Lydia Whitney, cleaning school houses	16 00
Charles W. Edwards, enumeration of pupils	10 00
W. A. Burton, labor grading Davisville	
School	4 00
Eli G. Bassett, carrying parcels	90
Fred C. Sanborn, fixing clock	5 75
Carl Chandler, lock and key	45
Thomas Cooley, truant officer	4 00

Express & Freight Charges	\$33 36
Insurance Premiums	182 84
John Raymond janitor, rent of Town Hall	14 00
Starr B. Center, teams	2 50
N. Quigley, team	50
W. L. Nutting, tuning piano	5 00
Telephone Charges,	14 90
A. C. Young, ribbon	1 40
Temporary Loan	205 35
H. H. Pratt, sundries,	1 35
Incidentals	11 12
	— \$750 42

RECAPITULATION

Instruction	\$4570 19
Fuel	342 00
Janitors	527 65
Salaries of School Board	150 00
Books and Supplies	299 73
Repairs	215 58
Miscellaneous	750 42
	— \$6855 57
Amount received	\$6977 79
Amount paid	6855 57
Cash on hand February 15, 1905,	— \$122 22

GEORGE E. BALES, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the District Treasurer, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSHUA F. FRYE }
 GEORGE G. BLANCHARD } Auditors.

Report of Water Commissioners

Wilton, N. H., Feb, 15, 1905.

At the town meeting held June 18, 1904, the town heard the report of the committee on water supply, appointed in March previous and voted to accept it and to build the water works as the committee recommended. At this June meeting the undersigned were appointed water commissioners and empowered and instructed to carry out the purposes of the town.

Our first care was the solution of the problem of the capacity of the pond at the intake and of a reservoir for storing water enough to carry the inhabitants through a drought. This involved the question of the treatment of Burton pond. To advise us on this matter we called in a new consulting engineer, Mr. X. H. Goodnough, engineer of the state board of health of Massachusetts. This Massachusetts office was established in 1886 and has in its charge all the public water supplies of Massachusetts, numbering now about 150. Mr. Goodnough himself has had an experience of about twenty years. His report is printed herewith, to which the reader is referred. It may be summarized as follows: that Burton pond is undesirable as a sole source of supply, that the water from it is innocuous to health and is also unobjectionable aesthetically when mixed with the water of Mill Brook and that a reservoir could be built at the top of Gaerwen Falls,

amply large to hold water enough to carry the town through a time of drought. He also confirmed Mr. Barnard's judgment that the quality of the water of Mill Brook was entirely satisfactory. When later on we found that we could build a concrete-steel dam at Gaerwen Falls that would hold about two million gallons, for a comparatively small sum we decided to abandon all idea of a storage reservoir and to build the sole dam and depend on the sole impounding at Gaerwen Falls. Thus all the difficulties relating to Burton pond were avoided. This judgment was approved by Mr. A. W. Dudley who was the preliminary consulting engineer and was now employed as the permanent engineer and superintendent of construction of the pipe line, reservoir, etc. This plan had the unusual merit of solving all problems and that too at the least cost. It is true that Mr. Dudley and the commissioners in their capacity as a committee had recommended the purchase and control of Burton pond as a storage reservoir, but the superior possibilities of Gaerwen Falls as a site for a reservoir were not then understood.

As soon after our appointment as the preliminary work could be done we advertised for bids for constructing the pipe line. There were about a dozen responses. Of these Mr. Loring N. Farnum of Boston was next to the lowest. The very lowest was less than \$100, lower than Mr. Farnum's, but it was from a man who had done but one small job and who was unknown to the trade. Moreover he did not bid on a certain extra piece at the ridge in Gregg's woods, though requested to do so. On these accounts we accepted Mr. Farnum's bid, thereby securing

a contractor of large experience. We are pleased to say that his work has been done to our entire satisfaction. Prices paid Mr. Farnum were as follows: for laying complete 12in. pipe, 29 cts. per linear foot, including laying the pipe 23ft. beneath the surface at the ridge; laying complete 10in. pipe, 21 cts. per linear foot; laying complete 8in. pipe, 19 cts. per linear foot; laying complete 6in. pipe, 17 cts. per linear foot; setting hydrants at \$2 each, setting gates at \$1 each; excavating rock \$3.60 per cubic yard. Mr. Farnum has been paid for all his services and a bond taken in the sum of \$500 as security for his warrant of the soundness of his work for one year.

The lowest bid for the pipe was from the Donaldson Iron Co., of Emaus, Pennsylvania, being \$22.95 per ton of 2000 pounds, for the 8in., 10in. and 12in. pipe and \$23.40 for the 6in. pipe and 2 1-2 cts. per pound for specials. This bid was accepted. The quality and punctualness of shipments of this company's goods have been entirely satisfactory.

One of the most serious subjects of the whole works was the dam. When the reservoir site was purchased, it contained an old stone dam reaching about three quarters of the distance between the shores. To rebuild this dam and line it with plank would cost about \$1000, but a reservoir so made would hold only about 800000 gallons and even this quantity would be subject to deduction of about 200000 gallons in winter, on account of displacement of water by ice. So small a quantity of water as a sole supply not being thought adequate we had our choice be-

tween building a higher dam at this place or retaining the old dam and providing elsewhere a storage reservoir as an additional emergency supply. We chose the former alternative, being helped thereto by an offer of the Ambursten Hydraulic Construction Co., of Boston to build a concrete-steel dam and wings for \$2835. This sum is about half the price of the cost of either a solid cement dam or a cut-stone dam. The union of steel and concrete in the construction of dams is new. The Ambursten Co., could show but one dam of its own making and that was but a year old, although it had several under way, but in constructions for other purposes these materials have been in use for a long time and for some for a very long time. The high possibility of success, the low cost and the unqualified recommendation of the owners of the one dam already built, the approval of the principle of the construction by some of the most eminent engineers of the country, whose opinions were sought, and the support of our judgment by some of our own citizens whom we took pains to consult formally, all seemed not only to warrant us in choosing this kind of dam, but to make it our duty to do so. We accordingly contracted with the above named constructing company. They began work about September 12th, but on account of the poor quality of their first shipment of cement, which had to be thrown away, and of other causes, the completion of the dam was delayed until December 7th. On account of the lateness of the season the dam could not be thoroughly tested before frost set in and there are still some insignificant things to be done upon it. The company has however,

been paid in full for its goods and services and we have taken a bond from it in the sum of \$500 for completion of the work and as security for its warranty of soundness, etc., for one year. There is also lacking a fence around the reservoir and some grading. Mr. Dudley measured the capacity of the reservoir after its completion, with the dam at its present height (without flash boards, which can be added) at 2,100,000 gallons. When the gates were closed on the above date the natural flowage of the brook filled the reservoir in about ten hours. Since the consumption of water is estimated at 60000 gals. per day for 1000 consumers, it will be seen that this store alone will last thirty-five days. There is moreover a water shed estimated by Mr. Goodnough at seven square miles, which could not fail to materially increase the quantity at the driest times; so that it does not seem likely that any other reservoir will ever be needed. As for the dam itself the makers assert in the strongest terms that it will be practically tight, that a few weeks of seasoning would turn the whole dam into a monolith as hard as flint and that no repairs will be needed upon it for a great many years. These are advantages of which it is almost impossible to speak too highly.

It need hardly be said that the essential thing to the whole system was the acquisition of the reservoir site. Mr. O. J. Lewis was finally induced to part with this property for \$1500. The price seemed high to us but we could do no better. No other land has been purchased in fee. Rights however have been acquired at satisfactory prices and deeds have been taken for all the important cases.

Before the system was ready for use we established and published a code of rates and regulations controlling the sale of water to water takers. Up to the date of this report twenty-three service connections have been made and are now drawing revenue. Also by an arrangement with the selectmen five public watering troughs have been erected and connected with the system, in which water has run all winter.

We invited and received the co-operation of the local board of health for the sanitary care of the water shed. The state board of health was petitioned to establish regulations for the protection of the purity of the water and under the authority of the statutes it has established and published such regulations, a copy of which is printed herewith. The local board of health now has charge of the sanitary affairs of the water shed and the duty of enforcing these regulations.

We have procured from the legislature a charter for the water works which is printed herewith.

The financial status of the works and some statistics follow herewith.

Isaac S. Whiting
Chas. E. Weeks
Starr B. Center

Commissioners.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ENGINEERING

A W Dudley, engineering services	\$572 81
X H Goodnough " "	100 00
D N Butterfield " "	3 50
telephone, postage etc.	3 73
S B Center, board of engineers, teams, and cash paid for express	94 37
	\$774 41

Of this sum \$429 46 was paid for the preliminary survey voted in Mar. 1904, and also \$200 00 on account of sew-
ers voted at the same time

GENERAL EXPENSES

F. W. Spear, printing water reports,	\$44 00
" " applications and rates,	8 00
Groom & Co., blank books and bills,	9 60
D. W. Whiting & sons cash pd blank books,	2 05
Engineering, News, advertising,	6 00
Telephone, postage etc.,	8 24
" " "	9 24
S. B. Center, horse hire,	5 00
Services of Commissioners	
I. S. Whiting,	150 00
S. B. Center,	125 00
Chas. E. Weeks,	100 00
	\$467 13

LAND AND LAND DAMAGES

Clara E. Lewis, reservoir site,	\$1500 00
D A. Gregg, right of way,	100 00
A. A. Ramsey, et als., right of way,	100 00
C. H. Moore, " "	10 00
A. C. Townsend, "	10 00
	———— \$1720 00

PIPE LINE

For lead	\$2134 92
Pipe and specials, Donaldson Iron Co	20400 06
Jute	74 09
Valves, gates, hydrants etc	1999 11
Small bench and logs	8 18
Superintendence A W Dudley	
" C A Bales	959 74
Laying pipe, setting gates, hydrants etc.	
L N Farnum	11044 67
Freight and express	86 86
Board of A W Dudley	111 10
Horse hire	22 00
Teaming	8 25
Labor on hydrants	50 67
" wood and lumber, Gregg lot	19 49
	———— \$36919 14

LESS

Allowance L N Farnum setting hydrants	\$31 60
" breakage of pipe	28 21
Cash wood and lumber, Gregg lot	30 76
sale of pipe Bennington Water Works	331 01

Cash Wilton Woolen Co. private pipe line	\$491 80
D Whiting & Sons	" 544 66
	—————
	\$1458 04
	—————
	\$35461 10

LESS STOCK ON HAND

6 in. 8 in. 10 in. 12 in. pipe and specials per inventory on file	745 98
	—————
	\$34715 12

RESERVOIR

Construction of dam Ambursen Hydraulic Construction Co	\$2835 00
Work on water chamber	" 107 47
Excavating basin and backing up dam	1079 88
Grading	27 75
Clearing brook	100 08
Uncovering dam	8 32
Screens and grooves for water chamber	140 00
Door for valve chamber	20 52
Horse hire	4 65
Telephone	81
Watching water in dam at night	8 00
	—————
	\$4232 48

SERVICE PIPES

Labor	\$990 82
Pipe and Fittings	595 95
Freight	9 00
Teaming	10 60
Supplies	38 48
	————— \$1644 85

LESS

Cash rec'd water takers for service pipes	\$279 34
	—————
Less Stock on hand	\$1365 51
	————— 427 94
	————— \$937 57

TOOLS

Pipe-lining machine	\$50 00
2 pumps	58 10
Lead Furnace	27 50
Small tools and bench tools	212 43
Freight	42
	————— \$848 45
Less tools on hand per inventory	\$337 60
Less 10 per cent for depreciation	33 76
	————— 303 84
Net cost of tools	————— \$44 61

RECAPITULATION. CONSTRUCTION

DR.

Engineering	\$774 41
General expenses	467 13
Land and land damages	1720 00
Pipe line	\$36919 14
Less allowed by Farnum	59 81
	—————
Reservoir	36859 33
Service pipes	4232 48
Tools	1644 85
	348 45
	—————
	\$46046 65

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Sewers acet.	\$200 00
Pipe line credits named above	1398 23
stock on hand	745 98
Service pipes rec'd from water takers	
for service pipes	279 34
" stock on hand	427 94
Tools on hand	303 84
	—————
Total cost of water works to date	\$3355 33
	42691 32
	—————
	\$46046 65

INCOME ACCOUNT

Rec'd from water takers for water	\$66 20
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STATISTICS

9313 ft. 12 in. pipe

2132 ft. 10 in. pipe

3659 ft. 8 in. pipe

21589 ft. 6 in. pipe

58 hydrants

65 gates

793 cu. ft. rock excavated

Capacity of reservoir, 2,100,000 gallons

No. of service connections, Feb. 15, 1905, 23

Report of
Mr. Goodnough, Civil Engineer.

Boston, Mass., July 15, 1904.

To Messrs. Isaac S. Whiting, Charles E. Weeks and Starr
B. Center, Committee on water supply.

Wilton, N. H.

Gentlemen: In response to your request I have examined the watershed of Mill Brook above Gaerwen Falls, with a view to the use of this stream as a source of water supply for Wilton, and have especially considered the probable effect of Burton Pond upon the quality of the water, and submit herewith the following report.

REPORT.

The population of Wilton, according to the national census of 1900, was 1,696. The population by the national census of 1890 was 1,850.

A supply of 100,000 gallons per day would be ample for the village unless an excessive quantity should be wasted; but, while the village does not appear to be growing, provision should be made so far as practicable for contingencies, and the source selected for its future water supply should be capable of being developed so as to yield as much as 300,000 gallons per day if such a quantity should become necessary.

The area of the watershed of Mill Brook above Gaerwen Falls, as shown upon the new topographical map of this region recently issued by the U. S. Geological Survey, is a little over 7.5 square miles. I have examined this watershed from Gaerwen Falls to the upper highway crossing near the base of the Pack Monadnock range. The upper part of the watershed is mountainous and throughout nearly all of the remainder the country is hilly, with steep slopes, and the brook and its tributaries through much of this region run in narrow valleys. Toward the lower end, about a quarter of a mile from Gaerwen Falls, the brook flows through an open meadow for about 3-4 of a mile, but there is no great amount of swamp here nor at any other point in this watershed, the chief swampy areas being found along a tributary flowing from Burton Pond.

The only pond in the watershed is Burton Pond, a storage reservoir said to have an area of about 60 acres, though the area shown upon the U. S. Geological Survey map is only about 20 acres. The watershed of this reservoir is small, amounting, according to the map, to only about a third of a square mile, including the area of the pond, and at the time of my visit in the latter part of June no water was flowing out of this pond, except a small amount of leakage through or around the dam.

No measurements of the flow of Mill Brook at Gaerwen Falls or elsewhere appear to have been made, but it is said that the brook does not run dry in dry weather and, judging from the flow of streams from similar watersheds in New England which have been carefully measured, it

is reasonable to expect that this stream will furnish as much as 300,000 gallons per day in a period of very dry weather without a storage reservoir. It is practicable, however, to construct a storeage reservoir having a capacity of from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 gallons in the neighborhood of the proposed intake, and such a reservoir, with the natural flow of the stream, would without doubt furnish an ample supply of water for the present village of Wilton. If a greater quantity of water should be required in the future than now seems likely further storage could easily be provided on this watershed.

Several analyses of the water of Mill Brook at Gaerwen Falls have been made by your state chemist, and I have also caused an analysis to be made of a sample collected on June 27 by another chemist. The results show that the water of Mill Brook at Gaerwen Falls is soft and has but little color and is otherwise of good quality for the purposes of a public water supply.

Some apprehension appears to be felt of the possible effect upon the quality of the water of Mill Brook at Gaerwen Falls of the water which may flow from Burton Pond and the swampy watershed below. An analysis of a sample of water from Burton Pond collected at the same time as the sample from Mill Brook at Gaerwen Falls shows that this water at this time was quite highly colored, had a vegetable and unpleasant odor and contained a somewhat large quantity of organic matter; and the water of this pond, if taken directly for use as a public water supply, would without doubt be objectionable, on account of its color and at times at least on account of a noticeable taste and odor.

The pond is an artificial one formed apparently by the flooding of meadow land which was not prepared for the storage of water for water supply purposes, and the water standing in this reservoir evidently comes in contact with much mud and organic matter which affects its quality unfavorably. Such waters, while objectionable for drinking on account of their color, taste and odor, have not been found to be injurious to health.

Under present conditions, as already indicated, little or no water flows naturally out of this reservoir during the drier portion of the year when the quality of the water of such ponds is usually more objectionable than in other seasons, since the watershed is so small in proportion to the storage capacity of the reservoir that the evaporation from its surface and filtration through or around the dam are together as great or greater in ordinary years than the flow into the pond from its watershed, so that during the period of low flow in Mill Brook the water of this reservoir has ordinarily little, if any, effect upon the quality of the water. In wet seasons and in the wetter portion of each year a considerable quantity of water flows out of this pond and into the brook, but it is evident, from the small area of its watershed as compared with that of the stream as a whole, that even at such times the flow from the pond must be small in proportion to the whole flow of the brook above Gaerwen Falls, and the analyses show that the water from this pond has but little effect upon the quality of the water of the stream at that point. Moreover, experience has shown that water such as that contained in Burton Pond is greatly improved in quality and has much of its organic matter removed by flowing in

the bed of a stream such as Mill Brook, and water from this pond must flow two or three miles in Mill Brook before reaching your intake.

Under the circumstances, while the water of Burton Pond is unfavorably affected by color, taste and odor, as indicated, this water is unlikely to have any noticeably unfavorable effect upon the water of Mill Brook at any time. It is not a desirable storage reservoir, but there is no objection, in my opinion, to allowing it to remain as it is. If at any time the pond should be so manipulated as to let down a large quantity of water in very dry weather the effect of this water might be to increase slightly the color of the water of Mill Brook taken at Gaerwen Falls, but, even this effect could not be maintained for any considerable length of time, since, if enough water were drawn from the reservoir to noticeably affect the water of the brook at Gaerwen Falls, the storage in the reservoir would soon be exhausted.

If the reservoir can be acquired by the town for a reasonable sum it is possible that, by drawing it off late in the fall, cleaning the bottom somewhat and allowing it to remain empty occasionally during a winter season, the quality of the water would be improved and the pond might be used as a storage reservoir, if such use should ever become necessary or desirable, but it is doubtful whether any material improvement could be made in the quality of this water without thoroughly cleaning the bottom of the reservoir and perhaps doing other work upon its watershed and below which would involve considerable expense and is, from present indications, unnecessary.

The watershed of Mill Brook above Gaerwen Falls contains a considerable population located, for the most part, in scattered farmhouses well away from the streams. In a few cases, however, buildings are so situated that polluting matters might find their way from them into the stream or its tributaries. There are approximately, 25 dwelling houses upon the watershed, and there is considerable farming land in the valley of the main stream and near some of its tributaries. It will be essential, in order to protect properly the health of the people of Wilton from danger of injury by the pollution of the water, to make provision for the prevention of the pollution of the brook from these buildings. Privies and cesspools should be provided for the reception of sewage, so located and constructed in all cases that their contents cannot escape into the stream or any of its tributaries, and when these receptacles are cleaned out the material should be so deposited that it cannot be washed by rain or otherwise escape into any of the streams or feeders of the brook, unless by passing for a long distance through the ground.

It will be best, in order to adequately protect the source of supply, to acquire some of the buildings nearest the stream. If this should be done and the conditions about the others inspected frequently and pollution of the stream and its feeders prevented, the source can be used with safety. This danger is one which cannot be avoided by the selection of any other source in the neighborhood, since the other sources which have been considered and are deemed adequate for Wilton appear to be affected in as great, or even a greater degree by population within

their watersheds, judging from the recent map of this region.

The most effective means of preventing danger of injury to the health of the people using the water of a stream having population on its watershed is by filtering the water, and it would be easily practicable to filter the water of Mill Brook supplied to Wilton by constructing filters near the intake through which the water could be passed before entering the pipe leading to the town. Filters to do this work efficiently should be composed of fairly fine sand and have a depth of at least five feet. They should be operated at a rate not greater than about two and one-half million gallons per acre per day, and filters having an area of 0.1 of an acre, or about 4,000 square feet, should be ample for Wilton. If the consumption of water is kept within reasonable limits half of this area would be sufficient.

If difficulty is found in preventing effectually the pollution of the water after thorough inspection of the watershed, or if the cost of adequate protection should be found to be large, I would advise that suitable filters be constructed and protection of the purity of the water secured in this way. The filters could be built at a somewhat lower level than the reservoir and should be covered by a roof. They should be divided into sections so that their surfaces could be cleaned when necessary and the supply to the town constantly maintained. If it is decided to build them, they should be designed by someone of experience in such work.

In conclusion, I have no hesitation in recommending

Mill Brook as the most appropriate source of water supply for Wilton. The water is naturally of excellent quality, and while the water of Burton Pond is poorer it is not injurious to health, and its admixture with the water of the stream will have no appreciable effect upon the quality of the water reaching the town. Compared with more than forty such sources in Massachusetts which have been under examination for many years, the quality of the water of Mill Brook would be better than the majority, and in an experience of many years with waters of this character, when not subject to long storage, they have always been found satisfactory.

The possible contaminations of Mill Brook are few and can be prevented in the manner herein indicated or their effect entirely removed by filtration. As the protection of a water supply from pollution is the most important essential, the necessary steps for such protection should be taken before the water is used.

Respectfully submitted,

X. H. Goodnough,

Engineer.

Charter for the Water Works.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five

An act to establish water works in the town of Wilton

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives in general court convened:

Section 1. That the town of Wilton in the county of Hillsborough is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, manage, maintain, and own suitable water-works, for the purpose of introducing into and distributing through the villages in said town or in any part thereof of an adequate supply of water, in subterranean pipes, for extinguishing fires and for the use of its citizens, and for other purposes; and for that purpose may take, purchase, and hold, in fee simple or otherwise, any real or personal estate, and any rights therein, and water rights, necessary for carrying into effect the purposes of this act; and to excavate and dig canals and ditches in any street, place, square, passway, highway, common, or other place through which it may be deemed necessary and proper for building said water-works; and relay, change and repair the same

at pleasure, having due regard for the safety of its citizens and security of the public travel.

Sect. 2. Said town is authorized and empowered to enter upon, take and appropriate any stream, springs, or ponds in the town of Wilton or elsewhere not belonging to any aqueduct company and to secure, by fence or otherwise, such streams, springs or ponds, and dig ditches, canals, make excavations or reservoirs, through, over, in, or upon any land or enclosure through which it may be necessary for said aqueduct to pass, or said excavation, reservoirs, and water-works to be or exist, for the purpose of obtaining, holding, preserving, or conducting such water, and placing such pipes, or other material, or works, as may be necessary for building and operating such aqueduct and waterworks, or for repairing the same: provided, if it shall be necessary to enter upon and appropriate any stream, spring, or pond, or any land for the purpose aforesaid, or to raise or lower the level of the same, and if said town shall not agree with the owners thereof for the damage that may be done by said town, or such owners shall be unknown, said town or said owner or party injured, may apply to the superior court for said county, by petition, to have the same taken, appropriated and condemned for the purposes required, and the damages determined; and the said court shall refer the same to the county commissioners for said county, who shall appoint a place and time of hearing, and give notice thereof in the same manner as is now provided by law for laying out highways, and said commissioners shall make reports to

said court, and said court may issue executions accordingly; but if either party shall desire, upon application to said court before reference to said commissioners they shall be entitled to a trial by jury in such manner and under such regulations as the court may prescribe.

Sect. 3. Said town is authorized and empowered to contract with individuals and corporations, whether citizens of said town or not, for supplying them with water, and to make such contracts and establish such regulations and tolls for water and its use as may from time to time be deemed proper; and may contract with any person or corporation to furnish to said town water for the use of the town and for the purposes of this act.

Sect. 4. Said town is empowered to extend its water system within the limits of the town of Milford in said county, and may excavate and dig ditches in any street, square, passway, highway, or common, within the limits of said town of Milford, wherein said town of Wilton may be authorized to extend its water system as hereinafter provided, and may relay, change, and repair the same at pleasure, having due regard to the rights of the inhabitants of said town of Milford, or the owners of the property affected, and the safety of the public travel; provided, however, that said town of Wilton shall extend its water system only upon such streets and to such points within said town of Milford as it shall be authorized thereto in writing by the selectmen of said town of Milford; said towns of Milford and Wilton are authorized to contract

with each other for the purpose of providing a supply of water for protection against fires within the limits of said town of Milford and for other public uses; and said town of Wilton is authorized to contract with individuals and corporations residing and doing business within the limits of said town of Milford for supplying them with water for domestic and other purposes.

Sect. 5. The immediate management, control, and direction of the water-works of said town shall be vested in a board of water commissioners to consist of three citizens of the town, the first board to be chosen by the legal voters of the town at the next annual meeting, or at some subsequent special meeting duly called for the purpose; and of the three so chosen at the first election, one shall be chosen and hold his office until the annual meeting of the town for the year 1906, one until the annual meeting of the year 1907, and the other until the annual meeting for the year 1908 and at each annual meeting of the town, beginning with the year 1906, one commissioner shall be chosen to fill the place of the one whose term then expires; and they shall each hold their respective offices for the term of three years, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead respectively. Their compensation shall be fixed by the town. They shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. They may choose one of their number as chairmen of the board, and may appoint a clerk. They may also appoint a superintendent of the works, and such other agents and servants as they may

deem necessary, and may fix their compensation. They may make such rules and regulations for their own government, and in relation to all officers and agents appointed by them, as they may deem proper. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said board, from any cause, the two remaining members of the board may fill such vacancy temporarily by an appointment in writing, which shall be filed with the town clerk and recorded by him. And the person so appointed shall hold said office until the next annual town meeting after his appointment, when the town shall elect a commissioner to fill the unexpired term, if any, of the person whose office became vacant and was so temporarily filled by such appointment.

Sect. 6. Said commissioners shall have the control and management of the construction of said works, and make all such contracts and agreements for and on behalf of the town in relation thereto as the town is hereby authorized to make and as they may deem proper and advisable, and shall have full charge and control over the said works when constructed. They shall establish rates and tolls and prescribe rules and regulations for the use of water, and may sell and dispose of such articles of personal property connected with said works as they shall deem expedient, and may purchase such property as may be in their judgment necessary for said works and the persons contemplated by this act; and they shall annually make a report to the town of the condition of the water-works and the funds belonging to their department, and the expenses and

income thereof, which shall be published in the town report of each year.

Sect. 7. All moneys received in any way on account of said water-works shall be paid into the town treasury, and shall be kept and applied exclusively for the uses of said water-works, including the payment of the bonds issued under this act and the interest thereon; and all bills and claims for expenditures connected with said works shall be approved by the board of water commissioners before they are paid by the treasurer; and the town treasurer shall keep his accounts relating to the water-works including all bonds and notes of the town given for loans and moneys raised for said works, separately and distinctly from all other receipts and payments.

Sect. 8. Said town is also authorized, at any annual or special meeting, by a major vote of those present and voting, to raise and appropriate, and to borrow or hire, such sums of money on the credit of the town as may from time to time be deemed necessary for the purpose of defraying the expense of purchasing real estate, rights in real estate, water-rights, streams, springs, ponds, and other rights and property as aforesaid, and for constructing, maintaining and operating said water-works, and for payment of water-works purchased, or for water supplied by any person or corporation under contract aforesaid, and to issue notes or bonds of the town therefor in such amounts and payable at such times and at such rates of interest as may be thought proper.

Sect. 9. All votes of the town of Wilton passed at its

last town meeting relating to the establishment, maintenance, and governance of a town system of water-works, and the incidents thereto, are hereby ratified and confirmed. Rufus N. Elwell,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Geo. H. Adams,

President of the Senate.

Approved February 14, 1905.

John McLane,

Governor.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Office of Secretary of State.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an act entitled "An Act to Establish Water-Works in the Town of Wilton", as engrossed in this office and in my custody as Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF; I hereunto subscribe my official signature and affix the seal of the state, at Concord, this 15th day of February, A. D., 1905.

Edward N. Pearson,

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Secretary of State.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Whereas, A legal petition having been presented to the State Board of Health, asking for the establishment of regulations to protect the purity of the water of Mill Brook, Wilton, under the provisions of Chapter 57, Laws of 1899, entitled "An act for the better protection of public water supplies," the following regulations are promulgated:

REGULATIONS OF STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

FOR THE

Protection of the Purity of the Water of Mill Brook

IN THE TOWN OF WILTON

1. No privy, and no pig-pen, stable, or other building or structure in which horses, cattle, swine or fowls are kept, shall be built or maintained within one hundred feet of the usual channel of Mill Brook above Gaerwin Falls, or of any of its tributaries, except in such cases as the local board of health may permit upon approval of the state board of health.
2. No sewage of any kind, sink-water, or water that has been used in washing or cleansing either materials, person

or food, shall be allowed to run into said stream, its tributaries, or into Burton Pond, or into any excavation or cesspool in the ground, or onto the surface of the ground, within one hundred feet of the usual channel of said stream, tributaries and pond, except by consent of and under such conditions and regulations as may be made by, the local board of health, with the approval of the state board of health.

3. No privy, pig-pen, cesspool or place of deposit upon the surface of the ground for sewage, sink-water, or water used for cleansing person or material shall be allowed to exist where it may be reached by high water in the event that the said stream or its tributaries overflow their usual channels, or where rain or melting snow would be likely to wash said material into said stream or its tributaries.

4. No dead animal, or parts thereof, or any article perishable or decayable, and no manure, waste or garbage shall be deposited so near said stream or its tributaries as to endanger the purity of the water.

5. No sawdust, shavings, apple pomace, or other waste from mills or manufactories shall be deposited in said stream or its tributaries, or upon their banks so near the same as to be reached by high water, or to be washed into said streams in any way.

6. None of these things, materials or conditions mentioned in the foregoing regulations, or anything else that

might endanger the purity of the said water supply, shall be permitted to exist, whatever may be their distance from the said stream or its tributaries, in such locality or manner as, in the opinion of the board of health, would be liable to contaminate the water of the said stream or its tributaries.

7. No person shall bathe or swim in said Mill Brook above Gaerwin Falls.

8. It shall be the duty of the board of health to enforce these regulations.

9. The Public Statutes provide for a fine for violations of regulations established by the state board of health for the protection of public water supplies.

I hereby certify that the foregoing rules and regulations were adopted at a special meeting of the State Board of Health held at the State House, Concord, this fourteenth day of December, 1904.

Irving A. Watson,

Secretary.

